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LEGAL NOTICE

Dorset Peru Integrated Resource Project USDA Forest Service – Green Mountain National Forest Bennington County, Vermont

In accordance with notice, comment and appeal regulations (36 CFR 215), the USDA Forest Service is providing notice of opportunity to comment on proposed management activities on the Green Mountain National Forest, Bennington County, VT. The project proposal includes activities to improve wildlife and fish habitat, enhance forest health, provide timber products, control non-native invasive plants, restore soil and water conditions, increase recreation and scenery viewing opportunities, address travel system needs (trails and roads), and protect or enhance heritage resource sites.

William Jackson, District Ranger for the Manchester Ranger District, is the Responsible Official for this decision. Additional information regarding this proposal can be obtained from Melissa Reichert, Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forest Supervisor's Office, 231 N. Main Street, Rutland, VT 05701, (802) 747-6754 or email at mmreichert@fs.fed.us.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Only those individuals or organizations who submit comments during the formal 30-day notice and comment period may appeal the final decision. Comments that are most useful are those that are specific or have direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider. For appeal eligibility each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Comments will be accepted for a 30-day period following publication of this notice in the *Rutland Herald*. The publication date in the *Rutland Herald* is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Do not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period (36 CFR 215.6).

Postal, hand-delivered, oral, electronic and facsimile (FAX) comments on the proposal will be accepted. Postal comments must be submitted to William Jackson in c/o Melissa Reichert, Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forest Supervisor's Office, 231 N. Main Street, Rutland, VT 05701. Oral comments may be submitted by phone to (802) 747-6754, or in person at the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forest Supervisor's Office (231 N. Main Street, Rutland, VT 05701 on US Highway 7). Hand-delivered comments may also be submitted at the Manchester Ranger District office (2538 Depot Street, Manchester, VT 05255 on SR 11/30). The office hours for those submitting oral or hand-delivered comments are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Comments may also be submitted by FAX to (802) 747-6766, ATTN: Melissa Reichert, Dorset Peru Project.

Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), Word (.doc or .docx) or Portable Document Format (.pdf), to <u>comments-eastern-green-mt-finger-lakes-manchester@fs.fed.us</u>. Please include the subject header "Dorset Peru Project" in your email.

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